

3. REMARKS

3.1 NATIONALIZATION

This application represents the U.S. national stage of International Patent Application PCT/NZ2004/000125, filed 6/17/2004, which claims priority to NZ 526526, filed 6/17/2003.

As the text of the International Application was transmitted by the International Bureau, an additional copy is not required to satisfy 35 U. S. C. § 371(c)(2). Nonetheless, for the Examiner's convenience, a copy of international application PCT/NZ2004/000125 is enclosed in the form of the published PCT Application WO 2004/111653.

I. National Stage Claims

After according a U.S. filing date, and **before** calculating the filing fee, entry of the foregoing claim amendments is respectfully requested.

II. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-43 were filed in the international application.

Claims 1-41 were pending at the time of nationalization.

Claims 1-36 were amended herein.

Claims 37-41 were canceled herein without prejudice and without disclaimer.

Claims 1-36 remain pending in the national stage application.

III. Support for the Claims

Support for the pending claims is found throughout the original international application as filed. Applicants introduced no new matter by the foregoing amendment.

IV. Fees and Formalities

The national filing fee and claim fees are included herewith. The fees have been calculated after the present changes to remove the multiple dependencies throughout the claims, and to conform the language to standard U.S. practice. Any omitted fees should be deducted from Haynes and Boone Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

V. Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394, Order 36697.17.

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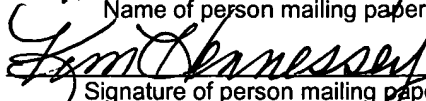
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